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PATENT

Practitioner's Docket No. 1941/193

Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)--
ENTRY INTO THE U.S. NATIONAL STAGE UNDER CHAPTER I**

PCT/GR04/000035 21 June 2004 (21.06.04) 16 July 2003 (16.07.03)
International Application No. International Filing Date Priority Date Claimed

Behind-the-Ear Speech Processor for Cochlear Implant Systems

Title of Invention

Kiratzidis, Trifon

Applicant(s)

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Commissioner for Patents
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ATTENTION: DO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

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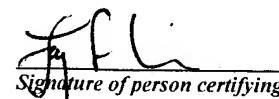
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This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).

The U.S. National Fee (U.S.C. § 371(c)(1))

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	
	TOTAL CLAIMS	3 - 20 =	0	x \$50.00 =	\$0.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00					\$0.00
NATIONAL STAGE FEES					
Basic filling fee \$300.00					
Examination fee					
All other situations \$200.00					
Search Fee					
International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office \$400.00					
Total of National Stage Fees					\$900.00
Total of above Calculations					\$900.00
SMALL ENTITY					
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made (note 37 CFR 1.27).					\$450.00
Subtotal					\$450.00
Total National Fee					\$450.00
TOTAL					Total Fees enclosed \$450.00

Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Attached is a check in the amount of \$450.00.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4972.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau. Date of mailing of the application from form PCT/IB/308: 27 January 2005.
4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
5. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 will follow. Enclosed is an unexecuted copy.

Other document(s) or information included:

6. An international Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been transmitted by the International Bureau. Date of mailing from form PCT/IB/308: 27 January 2005 (attached to international publication, a copy of which is enclosed).
7. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).
8. Additional documents:

International Publication No. WO 2004/00709

Specification, claims and drawing

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4972:

basic fee

search fee

examination fee

37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (presentation of extra claims).

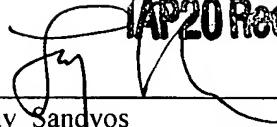
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37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

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